

## Key Vocabulary

Canopy	A layer in the rainforest with overlapping branches about 30m high.
Deforestation	When a large area of forest is cleared when trees are cut down.
Emergent Layer	Then tallest layer of a rainforest (about 130m tall).
Equator	The line of latitude around the Earth and its hottest part
Humidity	The amount of water vapour in the air.
Precipitation	rain, snow, sleet, or hail that falls to or condenses on the ground
Rain-forest	a luxuriant, dense forest rich in biodiversity, found typically in tropical areas with consistently heavy rainfall
Source	The start of a river (The Amazon has over 1000)
Tropic of Cancer	Line of latitude 23.5 degrees north of the equator, where the sun is directly overhead at noon on June 21 causing the longest day of the year and the beginning of UK summer.
Tropic of Capricorn	Line of latitude 23.5 degrees south of the equator, where the sun lies on Dec 21, causing the shortest day if the year and the beginning of UK winter.



## 10 Facts About Brazil

1. Brazil is the 5th largest country in the world (35x bigger than the UK) by both land area and population (209million people).
2. Brazil is the largest country in South America (8,515,770 sq km).
3. The capital city is Brasilia, while the largest city is Sao Paulo.
4. Brazil is the only country in South America that speaks Portuguese.
5. Because it is so large, Brazil covers 3 time zones.
6. Around 60% of the Amazon Rainforest is located in Brazil.
7. The Amazon River flows through Brazil; it is the 2nd longest river in the world (after the Nile) at 6,992km.
8. The Amazon River flows through five countries: Peru, Bolivia, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador and Brazil.
9. The Amazon River's mouth is in Brazil and it flows into the Atlantic Ocean.
10. The climate in Brazil is mostly tropical with a temperate climate in the Southern parts of the country.

